

Magic

An Early Years and Primary curriculum based activity sheet for the whole family.

Magic props

What might a magician need to make magic?
Have a look around your house for things that could help you.

Can you find a hat, a wand or a pack of cards?



Wizard game

Each player takes a sticky note and writes down a noun on each one: e.g. mouse, horse, bicycle.

Stick the note on another's forehead so they don't know what they have been turned into and say this spell:

"Are you a fruit, a toy or a car? Ask questions to find out just what you are. A wave of the wand, count one and two. A sprinkle of magic and I will change you... Alla-ka-zap!"

Each player takes it in turn to ask a yes or no question about what they might be.

If the answer is yes that player gets to ask another question. If the answer is no, then it is the next player's turn.

The winner is the first person to find out what they have been changed into!

Did you know...

... The magical words "hocus pocus" are created because of the name of a sorcerer in the Norse mythology who was called Ochus Bochus.

Magic books

Do you have a book about magic that you could read with your child? Some good one's are:

Meg and Mog by Helen Nicoll and Jan Pienkowski.

Harry Potter by J K Rowling

The Worst Witch by Jill Murphy

Carbonel by Barbara Sleigh

Mr Majeika by Humphrey Carpenter



Did you know...

... There are two kinds of magic: Black magic and white magic!

Spooky spells

Read a book with your child. If there are any spells in it, what ingredients are used? You could make up your own spells and write a list of what you need. Legs of bugs, tail of rat, quack of duck, cobwebs?

Pretend that you have collected all the weird and wonderful ingredients. Put them in a cauldron, stir them up, wave the wand and cast your spell.

Wizard words

Make some letter tiles out of scrap paper and find a 'cauldron' from your kitchen to make word spells. Choose three or four letters and put them into the cauldron. Make this spell while you are stirring with your wand:

"Stir the letters round and round, Stir them so they blend their sounds. Eye of bat and beak of bird, Tip them out and make a word."

Now tip the letters onto the tray and see if you can make a word. Has your spell worked? If you can't make a real word, choose some different letters and have another go or try making a nonsense word!



How are you helping?

Making up and acting plays or playing games will develop their speaking skills and confidence

Having fun with reading and writing games will help your child feel more confident and motivated to read and write.